## Hidden Hills Trailhead Narrative For Scottsdale Development Review Board 12.12.2003

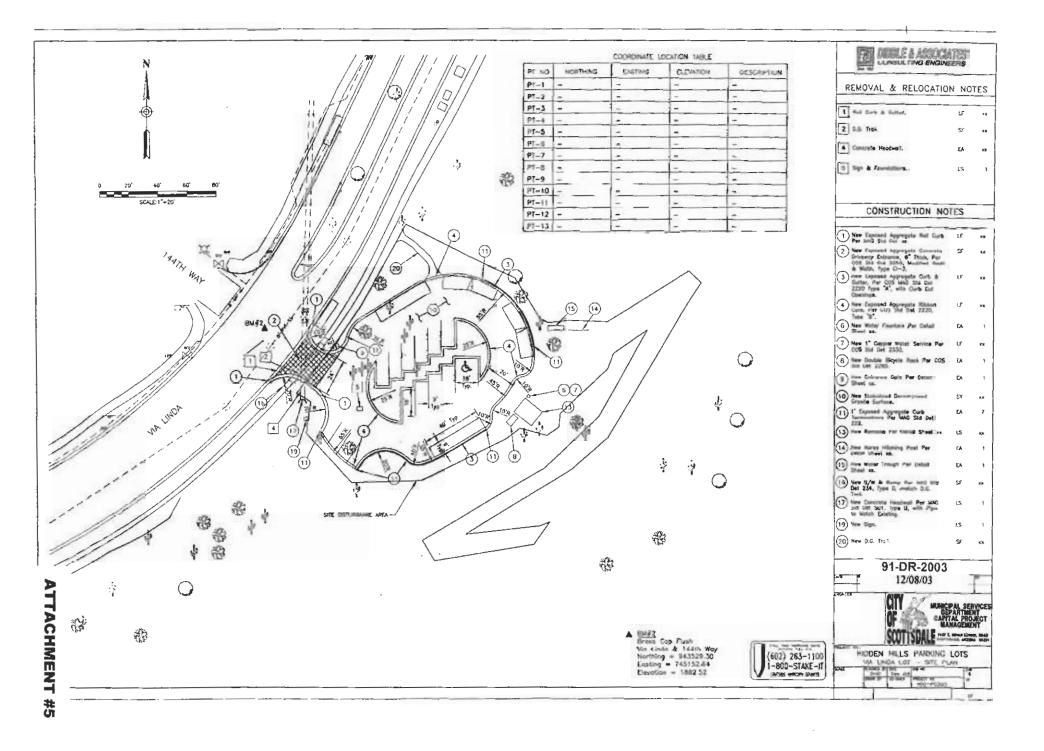
The purpose of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve is to maintain the environmental character of the land, to protect scenic views, to preserve habitat for wildlife, and to provide opportunities for appropriate public access and passive recreation use. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission designated Hidden Hills as a 'minor community' access area to the Preserves. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Access Area Report states minor community access areas allow up to 100 parking spaces with limited horse trailer parking, connection to multi-use trail(s), trail maps and signage, restrooms, ramadas and drinking fountains.

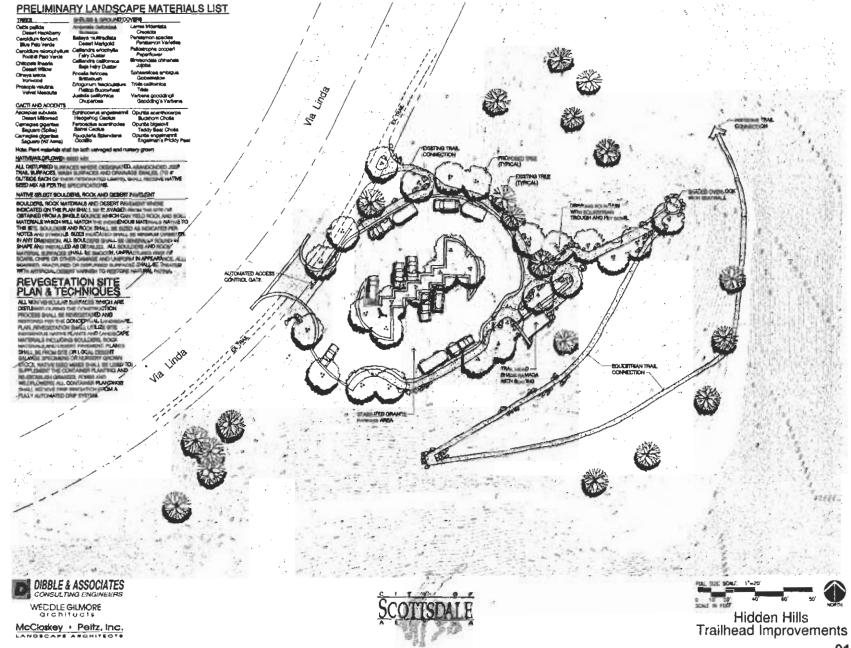
The Hidden Hills access area is two trailheads, north and south, along Via Linda at approximately the 144<sup>th</sup> Street alignment. The south site will accommodate parking for 16 cars and 4 pull-through horse trailers. The north site will accommodate parking for 20 vehicles. The following amenities will be available at both sites: trailhead maps, signage, ground level security lighting, and drinking fountains. A ramada will be at the south lot only. A landscaped screened concrete bench seat will be provided at the north lot. Since the Preserve Ordinance limits the use from sunrise to sunset, an automated control gate will restrict access to the parking area at both locations during evening and night hours.

Provision of this access area was a stipulation of zoning case 25-ZN-97 that in 1998 approved the Hidden Hills development. Land has been dedicated to the City for the access area and an easement provided for a trail through privately preserved land, and through the adjacent major wash corridor.

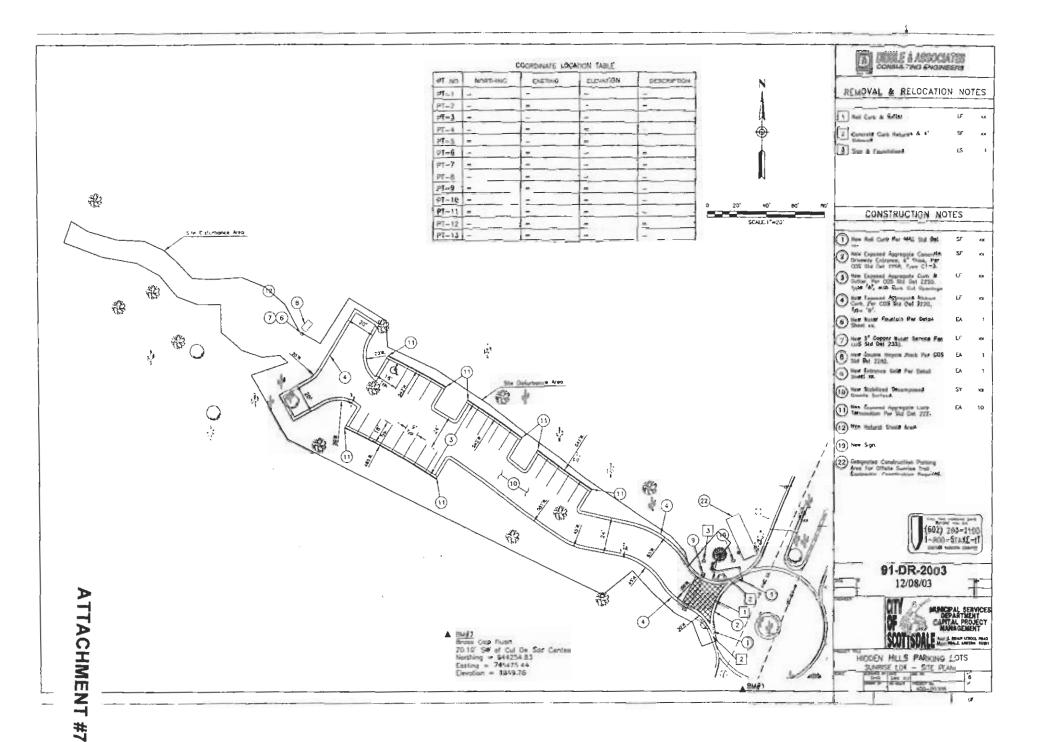
The Via Linda CFD completed construction of Via Linda Road from 136<sup>th</sup> to 144<sup>th</sup> Street in 1998. Included in the CFD was \$100,000 to assist in the design and construction of amenities at the Hidden Hills Access Area (Trailhead).

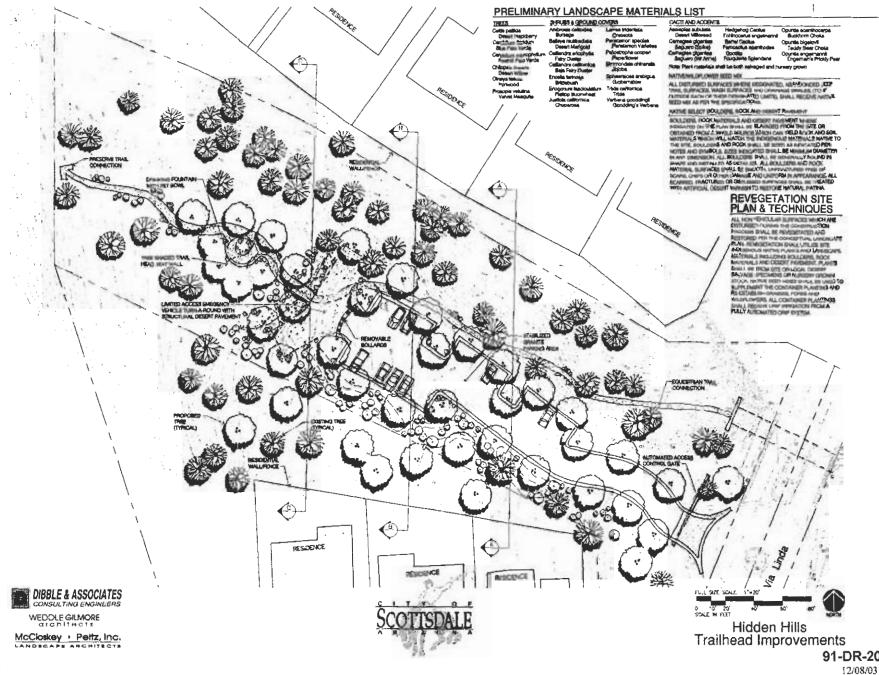
All landscaping will be indigenous and located to screen the lot from neighbors. Minimum tree size planted will be 24" boxed specimens.





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